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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 98

Introduced by Assembly Member Jeffries
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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 98—Relative to Historic State Highway Route 395.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 98, as amended, Jeffries. Historic State Highway Route 395.

This measure would designate State Highway Route 395 as Historic State Highway Route 395.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Former U.S. Highway 395 was a scenic stretch of
- 2 highway that ran through historic areas of the County of Riverside
- 3 and provided the only direct route from San Diego to the Lake
- 4 Tahoe region and northern Nevada; and
- 5 WHEREAS, While a section of former U.S. Highway 395 still
- 6 exists in portions of the County of San Diego and the high desert
- 7 area of the County of San Bernardino, most of the former highway
- 8 route has been replaced by Interstate Highways 15 and 215 in the
- 9 Counties of San Diego, Riverside, and San Bernardino; and

1 WHEREAS, Former U.S. Highway 395, which remains as
2 Interstate Highways 15 and 215, was the major and most significant
3 connection between San Diego, the Inland Empire, and the eastern
4 Sierra Nevada region; and

5 WHEREAS, When former U.S. Highway 395 was known as
6 the Cabrillo Parkway (and later *the* Cabrillo Freeway) in San
7 Diego, now State Route 163, it was the first freeway to be
8 constructed in San Diego and opened to traffic in 1948; and

9 WHEREAS, Part of the original routing of former U.S. Highway
10 395 in northern San Diego County includes the old Bonsall Bridge,
11 one of the earliest automotive crossings over the San Luis Rey
12 River, later becoming part of State Highway Route 76; and

13 WHEREAS, The portion of former U.S. Highway 395 between
14 Temecula and Lake Elsinore was part of the Butterfield Overland
15 Mail route, the first major overland delivery service to southern
16 California, established September 16, 1858; and

17 WHEREAS, After its realignment eastward, former U.S.
18 Highway 395 became the first major expressway and freeway
19 system in the southern portion of the County of Riverside in the
20 early 1950s, servicing the Cities of Temecula, Murrieta, Menifee,
21 Sun City, and Perris. Today this is State Highway Route 215; and

22 WHEREAS, The portion of former U.S. Highway 395 between
23 the Cities of San Bernardino and Hesperia, near modern State
24 Highway Route 395, traverses the Cajon Pass with old State
25 Highway Route 66 and old State Highway Route 91, most famously
26 used by the Mormons in 1851 in their crossing into the valley
27 where they subsequently founded the modern Cities of San
28 Bernardino and Riverside; and

29 WHEREAS, The heritage in the regions through which former
30 U.S. Highway 395 passed was greatly diminished when the former
31 highway was replaced by suburban streets and Interstate Highways
32 15 and 215; and

33 WHEREAS, Recognizing existing highway and road segments
34 that used to comprise U.S. Highway 395 would help preserve the
35 history of the regions through which that highway passed and
36 would also increase tourism and business in those regions; now,
37 therefore, be it

38 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
39 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby recognizes the
40 remaining segments of State Highway Route 395 for their historical

1 significance and importance in the development of California, and
2 designates those segments as Historic State Highway Route 395;
3 and be it further

4 *Resolved*, That the designation of Historic State Highway Route
5 395 pursuant to this resolution shall have no impact upon the future
6 planning or development of adjacent private or public properties;
7 and be it further

8 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
9 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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